



Dear Constituents, the link to vote for the Santa Fe Animal Shelter was incorrect in this newsletter, the correct link is:

www.votetosavelives.org; it is now corrected in the article below which you may click on to follow link. Thank you for supporting our Animal Shelter and Humane Society. Hope you all had a wonderful Easter. Virginia.

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From the Office of Commissioner Virginia Vigil
April 2012



Dear Constituents,

The Santa Fe Animal Shelter & Humane Society needs your help! Our shelter, the only one of its kind in Santa Fe County, has been selected by the ASPCA to compete for a \$100,000 prize to be awarded to the organization that is able to dramatically increase the number of animals saved in 2012.

This is only one of many prizes that will be awarded during this competition known as the 2012 ASPCA Rachael Ray \$100K Challenge. Before we can compete for the prize money, we have to demonstrate community engagement by getting more votes than anyone else in our region. I don't know if you are aware that the Santa Fe Animal Shelter and all its associated programs (see www.sfhumanesociety.org for details) is in the top 5 percent of shelters nationwide with regard to the successes we have achieved for homeless animals and the people who care about them. These labors of love are

extremely expensive and your support is instrumental in showing the world that Santa Fe is proud of its shelter and is excited to help us. There are just 108 organizations in the competition and we only need to make it to the top 50 to qualify. We respectfully ask that you show your support by telling everyone to please vote for your local animal shelter every day from April 5-16. To vote, go to: www.votetosavelives.org For more information please contact:

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Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Makes Sense for Homes and Businesses!

Solar “photovoltaic” (PV) electric systems create jobs and save homeowners \$\$!!

Santa Fe County established the **Office of Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency** in the spring of 2011. The Office promotes deployment of energy efficiency measures and renewable energy technologies in County facilities and operations and in the residential and commercial sectors to promote “green economy” job creation and economic development. **Our public outreach, education and technical assistance services are available to all County residents and businesses, including those located within the city limits of Santa Fe, Edgewood, and Española.** Encouraging the adoption of cost-effective energy efficiency measures by businesses and homeowners will decrease energy utility expenditures, while creating locally-sourced clean energy jobs. Money saved through energy efficiency stays in the local economy and contributes to overall (not just clean energy-related) job creation.

Public Outreach and Education: Speakers Bureau

Contact Us!!

The County’s Energy Specialists are available to your neighborhood or homeowners’ association, business or industry group and other events and forums to present helpful information about energy efficiency and renewable energy opportunities. Feel free to call or e-mail them if you’re interested! See our website for helpful links.

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Federal Scenic Byways Grant:

Santa Fe County Open Space and Trails Program received a Federal Scenic Byways grant for interpretive planning of El Camino Real along the Santa Fe River. The Program has worked with the Agua Fria community to gather oral histories and historic photos. That information was used to develop an interpretive plan, which was completed this winter. The next step is to develop the interpretive panels. Panels will be located along the Santa Fe River between El Camino Real Park near NM 599 and downtown Santa Fe. The interpretive panels will focus on the theme of water and its historic use along El Camino Real and in Agua Fria Village. Panels will also interpret the Santa Fe River past and present and its relationship to historic settlement and land use patterns. The Open Space Program is partnering with the National Historic Trails Program, which is providing technical assistance in interpretive planning. We expect the panels to be fully developed this fall and fabricated in spring 2013. Please contact Meghan Bayer at mbayer@santafecounty.org with questions.

ShootSantaFe Focuses on Promoting Film & Media in Northern New Mexico:

The state government of New Mexico has dedicated resources to the film and media industry over

the last five years and has created over 10,000 film-related jobs. A 2010 study of film and television industry growth indicate there are only two other states where film related job growth has a bigger impact on the local economy than New Mexico...California and New York. Due to budget constraints and policy changes, the State of New Mexico has reduced the resources available for promoting New Mexico and the Santa Fe region to the international film industry. This has affected a decrease of productions in the pipeline. To address this issue, several regional public and private partners including the City of Santa Fe, Santa Fe County, Los Alamos County, Rio Arriba, Santa Fe Studios, IATSE, Regional Development Corporation and other entities formed the ShootSantaFe initiative to promote the region to production site selectors. So far, presences at Sundance, South by Southwest have generated significant interests and the group is planning activities at one of the industry's major event, Association of Film Commissioners International, partnering with the State Film Office.

Northern New Mexico's hub city, Santa Fe, is only one of three places on the planet that has been named as a World Creative City by the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). Santa Fe is the country's second largest art market in terms of sales, proving that when it comes to nurturing creative industries, small can be beautiful. Our regional community is ideally positioned to capture an increasing share of the \$24 billion global entertainment industry with increasingly popular independent and immersive product lines. ShootSantaFe is a homegrown effort to capture this potential and direct media production into the Santa Fe region. For more information, please contact Duncan Sill, Santa Fe County Economic Development, dsill@santafecounty.org

Santa Fe County Welcomes New Health and Human Services Director:

Santa Fe County recently hired Rachel O'Connor to be the Director of the Health and Human Services Division. Rachel has over 14 years' experience in public health and safety in New Mexico. In addition to being instrumental in the development of services for people with brain injury, Rachel also served as the State's first DWI Czar from 2004-2010. She has a Master's Degree in Public Administration from UNM, and grew up in Gallup, New Mexico.

April 10, 2012 Board of County Commissioners regular meeting:

The following resolutions will be acted on at the next Board of County Commission meeting scheduled for April 10, 2pm at the County Administrative bldg. 102 Grant Ave. For a complete copy of the agenda, log unto www.santafecounty.org

Resolution No. 2012____ A resolution to celebrate the month of April 2012 as **National County Month** with the theme of "Healthy Counties, Healthy Families", sponsored by Commissioner Stefanics.

Resolution No. 2012____ A resolution articulating county policy regarding funding requests from

private, quasi-public, or public water/wastewater systems for Capital Improvements, sponsored by Commissioner Stefanics.

Resolution No. 2012____A resolution incorporating the Canoncito of Apache Canyon Mutual Domestic Water Association's service area into the Santa Fe County Water and Wastewater utility service area, sponsored by Commissioner Holian.

Resolution No 2012____A resolution directing County staff to conditions for prompt staff review of permit applications submitted by the public, which requires review and coordination by the Growth Management, Legal, County Fire and Public Works Departments, sponsored by Commissioner Mayfield.

Resolution No. 2012____, A resolution allowing the public to provide public comment on proposed county resolutions, sponsored by Commissioner Mayfield.

**Wishing you and your families a joyful and Blessed
Easter Season!**

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